

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2011-516-W - ORDER NO. 2012-299

MAY 1, 2012

IN RE:	Application of Utilities Services of South)	ORDER APPROVING
	Carolina, Inc. for Approval of a Water)	CONTRACT
	Supply Agreement with Starr-Iva Water and)	
	Sewer District)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application of Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. (“USSC” or “Company”) for expedited review and approval of the Water Supply Agreement between USSC and Starr-Iva Water and Sewer District.

USSC is a public utility authorized to operate water and wastewater systems under the jurisdiction of the Commission in Abbeville County and elsewhere in the State of South Carolina. Most recently, the Commission approved a schedule of rates and charges for USSC’s service in Commission Order 2008-269, issued April 25, 2008, in Docket No. 2007-286-WS.

USSC and Starr-Iva have negotiated an agreement whereby Starr-Iva will provide potable water service to USSC at or near the Purdy Shores Subdivision for distribution to USSC’s customers. The interconnection has been placed into service. The change in water supply has been necessitated by the iron and radiation levels present in the ground water in the production wells which had previously served the subdivision. USSC has paid Starr-Iva \$10,738 for engineering, permitting, construction, and inspection of the

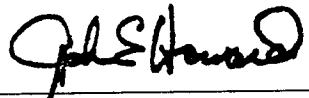
Purdy Shores water connection. USSC seeks the Commission's Order authorizing the Company to record these costs as utility plant in service additions, subject to review and audit by the Office of Regulatory Staff in the Company's next rate proceeding.

USSC mailed the Notice of Filing to its customers on January 5, 2012. No letters of protest or petitions to intervene were filed before the intervention deadline. USSC has requested that expedited review be granted and that its Application be approved without a full evidentiary hearing.

By this Order, we grant the requested relief. Expedited review is granted; the Company is authorized to record its costs as described above as utility plant in service additions; and the water supply agreement is approved. USSC shall provide thirty (30) days' notice to its customers before switching customers to a different rate.

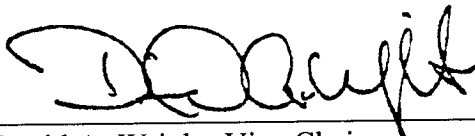
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:



David A. Wright, Vice Chairman
(SEAL)